

Town of Palmer

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July 8, 2024

Sponsor: Administration

Vote: Ordinance 2025-1 Streets and Sidewalks

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER

That the Council amend the Code of the Town of Palmer, Chapter 122, Streets and Sidewalks, by replacing Article III. Snow removal in its entirety with the following amended Article III:

Article III. Snow, Debris, Water, and Sediment on Ways and Sidewalks

- A. Snow, debris, water deposited in, on, or across public way or sidewalk. No person, other than an employee of the Town of Palmer or contractor working on behalf of the Town in the performance of their appointed work, shall direct, discharge, dump, shovel, pile, push, blow, plow, or deposit snow, ice, leaves, debris, or discharge water, into, onto, or across any public way, including sidewalks, or other public property.
- B. Sediment in, on, or across public way or sidewalk. The owner or person having the care of real property shall cause the cleanup and removal within 24 hours of any sediment deposited from said property onto any public way, including sidewalks, or other public property.
- C. C.Snow removal from sidewalks. The owner or person having the care of real property abutting upon any street, land, court or square within the Town where there is a sidewalk shall cause the snow to be removed therefrom within 24 hours after the end of any snowfall.

§ 122-8. Violations and penalties – to be enforced by the Palmer Police Department.

- A. Criminal complaint. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this article may be penalized by indictment or on complaint brought in the District Court. Except as may otherwise be provided by law, and as the District Court may see fit to impose, the penalty for any violation of these provisions shall be \$300 for each offense. Each day on which a violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense; or
- B. Noncriminal disposition. Whoever violates any provision of this article may be penalized by first a verbal warning along with public education, second by noncriminal disposition as provided in MGL c. 40, § 21D and may be punished by noncriminal fines as approved by Town Council. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a series of cumulative offenses. In addition, the violator shall reimburse the Town for any expenses incurred to remove snow or sediment after the initial twenty-four-hour grace period.

Adoption History:

Propose Ordinance Change Submitted to Town Council May 13, 2024

Agenda item and First Reading at Regular Town Council Meeting held on May 13, 2024

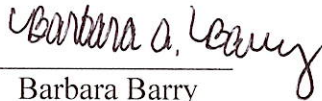
Public Hearing was warned in the Palmer Journal Register on May 30, 2024

Public Hearing and Second Reading at Regular Town Council Meeting held on June 10, 2024

Vote on Ordinance at Regular Town Council Meeting and entered in the minutes of this meeting on July 8, 2024. Vote to amend the Code of Ordinances PASSED FAILED by a vote of 5-0-1

Published upon final passage in the Palmer Journal Register 7/18/2024

Effective Date: 8/7/2024



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